

CANTRILL ENTERS GOVERNOR'S RACE

Seventh District Congressman Announces Candidacy For Nomination

Strong Statement of His Position on State Issues—Tribute to Woodrow Wilson

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF KENTUCKY:

I have been much impressed with the campaign conducted by numerous Kentucky newspapers demanding that a business man only should be nominated for Governor. I am in sympathy with this movement. I have waited for weeks for some outstanding Democrat and business man to announce his candidacy. In fact, I have on numerous occasions talked with some of the most successful business men and one of the most loyal Democrats in the State, urging him to run for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and offered my support in case he should make the race. This gentleman declined to enter the race. Many active Democratic men and women in all sections of the State have asked me to stand for the Democratic nomination for Governor. I have decided to announce as a candidate.

The fact that I own and operate several farms in Scott and Fayette Counties I believe entitles me to be classed as a business man. If I do not come under the classification of a business man, then the newspapers demanding a business man for Governor have shut out of political consideration every farmer in the State. The farmer of today is as much a business man as the merchant, broker, banker or manufacturer. The great majority of the business men of Ken-

didates themselves, and I consider it proper in my announcement to very briefly state some of the leading issues which are of interest to the citizens of Kentucky. In announcing myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, I wish to emphasize the fact that I consider the Governorship of our State the highest honor which can be given a Kentuckian, and I pledge myself to the people of Kentucky that if elected Governor, under no circumstances would I seek the Senatorship or any other office but would fill out the term completely, for which I was elected. No man in the Governor's chair can give the State his best service when he has his eye on some future political preference.

I favor a Primary Election to determine the nomination of the Democratic candidate for the Governorship. I believe it would be political suicide for our Party to make the nomination in any other way. Only in a Primary Election can the women voters of the State give full expression to their political opinions.

I think the greatest service a public officer can render the State at this time is to attend strictly to the business of the State and to leave it to the business men to handle their own business and to the people to regulate their own affairs, so long as they do not violate our present laws. To make it still plainer, I think we have enough

within the revenue of the State, if it is necessary to do so.

I am heartily in favor of the construction of a highway system which will closely tie together our people in all sections of the State. As a matter of fact, Kentuckians do not know each other as they should and we have three distinct sections in our Commonwealth. Many of our problems would be solved if the three sections of the State were linked together by good roads, so that our people could really know each other and work together for the common good. I am informed by expert men who have studied this question that this plan can be carried out without increased taxation on existing property.

Good roads and good schools go together and every citizen will agree that everything possible should be done for the education of our children. I would like to see our public schools the equal of those of any State in the Union and I will work to that end. I am also of the opinion that every encouragement possible should be given to our State University and that it be placed on a plane equal to the University of any other State. If I am elected Governor I will stay on the job and give the State a business administration, and the best that is within me.

If elected Governor, I will call to my aid some of the leading business men in different lines and seek their counsel and support in solving the many difficult problems which confront our people. No man can solve these problems alone, and the candidate who promises to do so is the worst type of a demagogue seeking votes. If elected, I promise to do the very best I can with the counsel and advice of leading men and women of our State to solve our business difficulties for the best interests of the Commonwealth.

I enter this race free from any political promises and absolutely free from any help or promise of help in anyway from any business firm or corporation anywhere.

It is well known to the State that for years I have been an advocate of cooperative organization among the farmers. Farming is the chief business in Kentucky and I am delighted that our cooperative organizations are proving so successful. I congratulate the bankers of Kentucky on the stand they have taken in supporting the Farmers' Cooperative Movement, and as a farmer I thank them for their help in our time of need. For the past two years I have been actively at work in the field to organize the farmers, both in the Burley District and the Black Patch, and I trust I will be pardoned when I state that I have always paid my own expenses in these campaigns. This has been a considerable sum for a man of my limited means but I was glad to make the contribution of both time and means to help perfect our Farmers' Organizations.

I believe in equitable and living wages for men and women in all lines of industry. The best interests of the Nation are served when those who labor own their own homes and can give their loved ones not only the necessities of life but the comforts as well.

I am unalterably opposed to the injection of partisan politics into the management of the penal and charitable institutions of the State.

Under our present system of elections we have an election in Kentucky every year. Much money could be saved to the tax-payers in registrations and elections and the people relieved of much worry if we consolidated our elections. I favor any plan which will bring about this result.

I have the highest regard for the distinguished gentlemen who have announced as a candidate for Governor and for those whose announcements I am informed will soon be forthcoming. No act or utterance of mine will mar the campaign. We have had entirely too much strife within our own party in the past and I am hopeful that the campaign will be settled upon the merits of the candidates themselves and their issues, so that when the decision is made we will go into the final election with a united Democratic Party. I am informed by many active Democrats in all parts of the State that if I am nominated we can expect to poll the full vote of the Party, and after months of careful survey and investigation I am convinced that if nominated I can build up an organization which will carry our Party to success in the final election beyond any question. I am absolutely sincere in my desire to serve Kentucky. For four years in the House of Representatives in Kentucky, for four years in the State Senate, and for fourteen years in the Congress of the United States I have represented a great and a patriotic people. In the last two elections I have not had opposition from the Republican Party. The people of the Seventh Congressional District would have given me this service if I had neglected the business entrusted to me. I have faithfully tried to serve them, and if elected Governor my ambition will be to render a full measure of service.

I served in Congress under the leadership of that great President, Woodrow Wilson, and always gave him and his policies loyal support. When my Party called me to manage the State Campaign in 1916 for President Wilson, I accepted the responsibility, and we carried the State by an overwhelming majority. Although a man of moderate means I paid the deficit of that campaign amounting to a good many thousands of dollars and have never regretted the expenditure. In 1920 the National Democratic Committee called me to New York to take charge of the organization work there, and for months I labored day and night for Party success. We knew that conditions were such that we could not win but we fought as best we could to the last ditch. I mention these personal matters to show that I have tried to give something in return for the favors which my Party has shown to me.

It is well known that farm lands and real estate in the cities are bearing heavy burdens of taxation. If I am elected Governor, I will make a full investigation of the taxes being paid by all classes of property and if it is found that certain classes of property are escaping their share of taxes, then I will certainly recommend legislation to remedy this defect in our taxing system.

Recent political developments demonstrate that there is a splendid opportunity under proper leadership to bring eastern Kentucky and the largest city to our Commonwealth back into the Democratic fold. If elected Governor, I will make every effort to give such a good administration and to work in harmony with the Democrats from the sections of our State mentioned above, that there will be no doubt about the outcome in future elections.

No dangerous issues will arise during the campaign, and so far as I am concerned they will be openly and frankly met. I submit my candidacy to the people of the State with the hope that it will prove acceptable.

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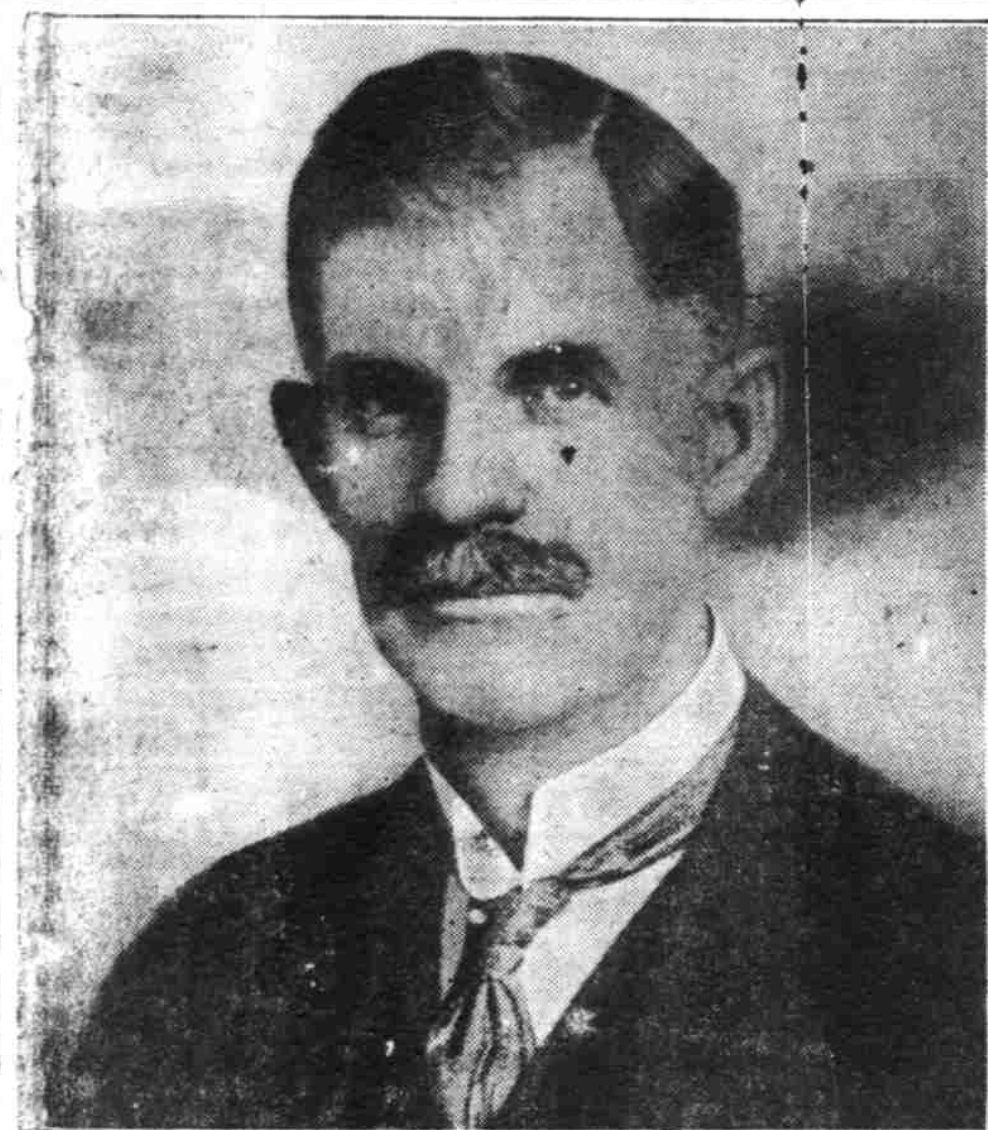
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Kentucky are farmers, and being one of them I believe I know their trials and hardships, and that if I am elected Governor I can be of service to them and to the State as a whole, because when the farmer prospers all lines of business share in that prosperity.

The chief problems to be solved in Kentucky are in the main of an agricultural nature, and Kentucky has not elected a farmer Governor for almost twenty years. The Governor of the State can personally attend to but a small part of the State's business. Most of the business of the State is transacted by those whom the Governor appoints under the laws passed by the Legislature. The business of organization is the chief duty of the Governor, and it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the State that the Governor work in harmony with the State Legislature and the organizations of the various State Departments.

In recent years I have been charged with the duty of getting thousands of men and women into compact working organizations, both in a political and in a business way. In 1916 I was State Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee in Kentucky which relied upon a majority of nearly thirty thousand for the Democratic ticket, and in that organization there were ten thousand active men and women in the State. For three years I was State President of the Society for Equal Rights with its thousands of farmer members, and this was the organization which was one of the pioneer movements teaching cooperation among the farmers. Years ago this organization did the work which is now being carried on on a larger scale by several splendid Farmers' Organizations of today.

I mention these matters simply to show that I have had experience on a large scale along organization lines, which make up in part the duties of the Governor. To properly organize the many branches of the State Government is a job requiring experience in organization work. I am convinced that the voters of the State are more interested in the platforms that the candidate stand for than in the can-

laws at present regulating the business and the every-day life of the people.

There is a tendency in the country today to keep piling on the statute books laws regulating the business and private affairs of the citizens. I am of the opinion that it is the part of wisdom that we learn our present laws and obey them rather than to bring into disrepute all law by further restrictive legislation.

If I am elected Governor, all laws on the statute books will be thoroughly and carefully enforced as far as my powers will reach. The chief concern in the State and Nation today is the strict enforcement of law and the absolute maintenance of peace and order. For the security of the individual and for the protection of property rights, law and order must be maintained.

If elected Governor, I pledge the best that is within me to carry out this statement.

If elected, pardons will be scarce at Frankfort, especially for the crime of taking human life. The reputation of our State must be bettered along this line.

High taxation is the sore spot with the people in the State and Nation. The legislative branch of our State Government writes the tax laws, but if elected Governor I will work with the Legislature in every way possible to bring about the lowering of our taxes. As a farmer I know what the burden of taxation is to the farmer and business man and home owner, and every effort must be made to reduce taxation.

The time has come when a halt must be called in increasing our State debt, and every effort to reduce it must be made. The obligations of debt are made by the State Legislature and not by the Governor, but if I am elected I will earnestly insist that State expenditures be kept within the revenue so that our debt will not be increased in the next Administration. Every effort must be made to reduce the State debt and if I am elected the veto power will be used to the limit to keep the appropriations